

**NTL No. 2010-N06**  
**Information Requirements for EPs,**  
**DPPs and DOCDs on the OCS**  
**Effective June 18, 2010**

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)**

**What OCS areas are affected by this NTL?**

This is a national NTL; it applies to EPs, DPPs, and DOCDs in the Gulf of Mexico, Pacific and Alaska OCS areas.

**What water depths does this NTL affect?**

This NTL affects EPs, DPPs, and DOCDs that propose activities in both shallow water and deepwater (for purposes of this NTL, water depths less than 500' and water depths 500' and deeper, respectively).

**What plans are subject to these information requirements?**

You must submit the additional information with a new EP, DPP or DOCD, or as additional information for your previously-approved or pending plan. You must submit this information under the following circumstances:

- Those pending or approved plans or documents that propose to conduct an activity that requires approval of an APD, and the APD is submitted after June 18, 2010 or was filed but had not been approved by that date; and
- Those plans or documents that propose to conduct an activity that requires approval of an APD, and the initial, supplemental, or revised EP, DPP, or DOCD that covers the activity is submitted after June 18, 2010.

**For what plans do I not need to submit information required by this NTL?**

You do not need to submit the additional information for the pending or approved EPs, DPPs, and DOCDs in order to conduct the following activities:

- Activities for which an APD was approved by BOEMRE prior to June 18, 2010
- Drilling intervention or relief wells for emergency purposes;
- Drilling waterflood, gas injection, or disposal wells;
- Drilling operations or other activities that are necessary to safely shut in, temporarily abandon, or decommission a well, or to accomplish well completion operations under 30 CFR 250.500; and
- Activities that do not require the submittal and approval of an APD.

**What if I am currently conducting a rig-related workover or am waiting on an APM approval to conduct a rig-related workover?**

You may conduct the workover without submitting additional information for your EP, DPP, or DOCD.

**I have a pending application for a lease pipeline or a pending platform application, will it be held in abeyance pending submittal of the information required by this NTL?**

No.

**If this NTL does not require me to submit additional information for my plan, when may I conduct operations?**

If you want to conduct an activity that does not require you to submit the additional information required by this NTL, you may conduct the activity if you have received all necessary approvals and have complied with the Safety NTL.

**When should I submit this information?**

If you want to conduct an activity that requires approval of an APD, and the APD has not been approved by BOEMRE, you should submit the information listed in the NTL to BOEMRE as soon as reasonably possible to allow BOEMRE the opportunity to review it prior to the decision on your APD.

**Will BOEMRE inform me of its approval of the information I submit?**

No. BOEMRE will notify you if you need to submit additional information or need to submit a revised plan. If the information you submit is sufficient, BOEMRE will process your APD for approval.

**If my shallow water APD was approved prior to June 18, 2010 but I submitted an APM only in order to transmit the information required by the Safety NTL, must I submit the additional information required by this NTL?**

No.

**Where do I submit this additional information?**

For the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, submit the additional information described in this NTL by mailing it to: Regional Supervisor, Field Operations Plans Section (MS 5231) Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394. For the Alaska and Pacific OCS Regions, submit the additional information described in this NTL to the address and contact for the respective OCS Region that is used to submit EPs,

DPPs, and DOCDs. For additional information submitted for approved plans or documents, provide the Plan Control Number of the referenced plan or document and include and Well Name of the well for which you provided blowout and worst-case discharge scenario information.

**If my EP, DPP or DOCD was previously approved and I need to submit the additional information, do I simply submit it or must I obtain approval of the changes prior to obtaining APD approval? If so, do I submit the information as a revised plan?**

Simply submit the information to BOEMRE. You do not need to submit a revised plan unless you are specifically requested to do so.

**Since plan approval is not required for sidetracks, no revisions to my previously-approved plan will be required, correct?**

Approval of an EP, DPP, or DOCD is required to cover sidetracks that cross into a lease not covered by the plan. In all other cases, you do not need to revise a previously approved plan to cover a sidetrack.